

RUSSIA TO CONCENTRATE AGAINST WRANGEL

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OCT. 18TH

EXPANSION FOR STATE STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT

INVOLVES 650 FT. FRONTAGE WEST OF SOHL

Posner & Throop Negotiate Big Deal for Newly Or- ganized Corporation.

With the close of negotiations yesterday involving 650 feet of State street, vacant and improved, between Oakley avenue and Sohl street, Hammond is promised an expansion of its business district greater than any since it has been since the beginning of the war.

The Merchants Improvement Association, an Indiana corporation capitalized for \$25,000, sponsored and financed by Hammond men is the moving spirit in the venture to add more business, power and prestige to State street. The officers of the company are:

Sam Silver, president.
S. H. Ward, vice-president.
Sam Schlessinger, secretary-treasurer.

The above officials together with Theodore Soullas and David Posner constitute the board of directors.

No information was obtainable today as to the purchase price, but it is estimated that the deal involves property valued between \$175,000 and \$200,000.

The entire deal was handled by the Posner and Throop real estate company whose offices are at 606 Oakley avenue. The idea to concentrate the various holdings into a corporation was conceived and carried out there, and while they are satisfied to appear only as agents in the transaction, no part of the credit for the initiative and execution is due them.

The ultimate object of the deal is to build up State street, between Oakley avenue and Sohl street both the north and south sides into a continuous line of business buildings.

How soon ground for the first of these will be broken will depend to some extent on the demand—and the corporation is assured of plenty of that. The properties involved in the deal are as follows: On the north side, fifty feet vacant just west of the Burns Funeral Home, Leo Wolf, owner; fifty-seven feet, improved with a three store business building, owned by Frank S. Betz; forty-three feet, vacant owned by W. B. Muir, fifty feet, occupied by two cottages, owned by Sam Levin; one hundred feet, occupied by three cottages, owned by S. Hecht; fifty feet west of the William Haase property owned by Dr. Warber.

On the south side: 100 feet east of the Chicago Produce Co. store; owned by Messrs. Kaufman & Wolf; one hundred feet improved with a residence owned by Frank Hammond; fifty feet with a residence, owned by William Kishenge.

The whole transaction appears as one of the most logical investments made in Hammond at any time. The promoters have satisfied themselves that there is in the first place a continued and pressing demand for more business houses, and secondly that the inevitable trend, particularly for the smaller mercantile establishments is toward the great east side with Calumet avenue as its main artery. The deal is one of city wide importance.

MANAGERS TALK ABOUT VALUE OF NIGHT SCHOOLS

Night schools and the best method of interesting men in them was the chief topic of discussion at the meeting of the Tri-City Employment Managers association in East Chicago last evening. Superintendent E. N. Casey of the East Chicago schools was present and explained the plans of the East Chicago school board and asked for recommendations as to methods of interesting the various classes of workmen. The discussion tended to the belief that better education would help the plants greatly by decreasing the labor turnover and increasing production.

The question of continuing the organization was put by W. J. Huber, the president, and all members present were of the opinion that the organization should be continued, and could be made a great value to the industries. In the discussion which followed it appeared that some plants, possibly a majority of them, are still short of common labor, but that in many cases the plants have all the men they want.

The next meeting of the organization which will be held next month will be held at some place in Hammond, the place to be selected by A. K. Thompson of the Standard Steel Car company. At this meeting a speaker from one of the large Chicago industries will speak and an effort will be made to interest a larger number of Hammond industries.

AMERICANS HELD IN RUSSIA, FREE

MOSCOW, Oct. 12.—VIA WIRELESS TO BERLIN, Oct. 12.—Five Americans detained in Soviet Russia on the charge of espionage, including Albert Beni of New York, will be released, it was officially announced today.

MAN AND WOMAN CALLED WITCHES ASKING DAMAGES

Belief in witchcraft did not die when burning witches went out of style way back in the colonial days. There are people right now in East Chicago who take stock in it.

This came to light this morning when Attorney P. McCloskey filed a suit for damages for slander in the Hammond superior court, in which John Tekla Woydula are plaintiffs and Frank and Helen Woydula are defendants.

John and Tekla are proprietors of a little dry goods store in East Chicago and claim to have been doing a nice business prior to September 28 to this year when the alleged slanderous blow fell. It was on that date that Frank and Helen are said to have started the story to the effect that John and Tekla were in "couches" with the devil.

Helen and her four children were sick at the time and the story was soon in circulation that John and Tekla were responsible. It was claimed that they were "witches and seers" supernatural power by complicity with evil spirits and the devil and are a bad and dangerous man and woman. They were supposed to have cast an evil spell over Helen and her babies through their practices as witches.

John says his store business began to slump immediately after his neighbors heard of his infernal powers. He has checked on his customers and finds that twenty-five of his best purchasers have slipped away from him. He calculates the loss in business and good name at \$5,000 and asks for damages in that sum.

JUDGE TAKES RAP AT BICYCLE THIEF

Colored Gent Thought it Was Easy But Knows Better Now

Judge Klotz in the Hammond city court this morning showed what he thought of a bicycle thief and at the same time gave warning as to the treatment which was to be accorded others which may be captured. Bicycle thefts have been common in Hammond this year but only a few of the thieves have been caught.

Otto Duach, colored, was the unlucky dunder to the bicycle of Mtrian Tietel, 572 Fields ave., which had been left in front of the Bunnell salaroom on Hohman st. He was seen by Wilbur Volker who immediately notified Tietel. The two with Fred Olin climbed into a machine and gave chase. The colored man was overhauled at Douglas Park and hustled back to the police station. Duach was found to have a jail and reformatory record. He gave his home as Chicago but he has spent considerable time in Lake County. He said he planned to sell the bicycle in Chicago. The court handed him a fine of \$200 and costs and topped it with a sentence of six months on the penal farm.

PYTHIANS AFTER MORE MEMBERS

The fall and winter campaign for members is about to be launched by Hammond Lodge No. 210 K. of P. At the meeting of the grand lodge at Indianapolis on October 8 and 9, great things were promised for the coming year. The age limit for admission has been set at 18 years instead of 21 as heretofore.

Hammond lodge started the new year on Monday, October 11, by conferring the page rank on three candidates. One application was read at this meeting. On Thursday evening, October 14, Geo. W. Frank of Chicago will confer the old amplified third rank at Whiting lodge. On Friday evening, October 15, there will be a meeting at East Chicago at which time a county organization will be formed. All Knights of Pythias are invited to attend these two meetings.

GARY WOMAN WILL TELL OF ABUSES

Practices and abuses too repulsive to set forth in this complaint, but which the plaintiff promises to relate in court, are mentioned in a suit for divorce filed this morning in the Hammond superior court by Karlna Kirche of Gary. She and Charles Kirche were married Oct. 7, 1918, and in March the following year she became an invalid. Much of the time since then she was either bedfast or had to use crutches in walking. Because of his abuses she was on the verge of leaving him several times but on each occasion he begged her to remain and promised to do better. Of late his actions had been very disagreeable and he frequently boasted of his relations with other women, some of them colored, she says. He finally deserted her Oct. 11 of this year. She asks for \$2,000 alimony. McMahon & Conroy are her attorneys.

WANTS DIVORCE

Suit for divorce was filed today by Augusta Behrens against John Behrens in the Hammond superior court. They were married Feb. 22, 1904, and separated Nov. 15, 1914, while they resided at Michigan City. Mrs. Behrens charges abandonment and asks for the custody of their two children. Crum-packer & Friedrich are attorneys for the plaintiff.

HARDING IN TENNESSEE FOR SPEECH

G. O. P. Hopeful of Breaking Into Solid South With Anti- League Message.

BY GEORGE R. HOLMES
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)
EN ROUTE WITH SENATOR HARDING, CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 12.—Senator Warren G. Harding carried the gospel of republicanism and opposition to the Paris league of nations into "enemy" territory today.

Confident that this year will see fulfillment of that long-cherished republican dream—the breaking of the solid south—Senator Harding invaded Tennessee for a single speech. This will be delivered tonight at the Tabernacle here, and indications are that it will be crowded to its capacity of 8,000 seats.

Not since the days of reconstruction has Tennessee given an electoral vote to the republican candidate for president, but this year the G. O. P. chiefs figure the state to be the weak link in the democratic southern chain. They are banking heavily on anti-league sentiment in the state, as indicated by the fact that one of the democratic senators from Tennessee, John K. Shields, was an outspoken critic of the Wilson program during the long treaty fight in the senate.

Senator Harding's special train arrived in Chattanooga at 8:15 o'clock this morning. A reception committee headed by Henry Clay Evans, former congressman to London, met the Harding party at 9 a. m. and from the train a sight-seeing trip by motor was begun which was to occupy most of the day.

The battlefields and historical points about Chattanooga were to be visited with a luncheon for the candidate atop Lookout Mountain.

An hour's public reception at the Patten hotel will be held late this afternoon at which Senator Harding will receive and shake hands with hundreds of Tennessee republicans.

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Lad Spends Night Out in Tall Weeds

Little Joe Milaki, seven-year-old son of Joe Milaki, Sr., 322 Linden st., Hammond never dreamed of the trouble he was to cause his parents and neighbors last night when he crawled into the tall weeds near his home and went to sleep.

Shortly after dark Joe was missed. His parents searched high and low. The neighbors joined in the hunt but Joe could not be found. The police were notified and patrolmen were furnished with descriptions of the lad. Morning came with no news of the missing child.

At 9 o'clock Joe appeared at the door of his own home. Anxious queries revealed that he had wandered into the weed patch and had fallen asleep. The night was chilly and although he was bareheaded and barefooted he seemed none the worse for the experience.

GARY COAL DEALER IS QUESTIONED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 13.—William A. Dalton, president of the Dalton Coal company of Gary, Ind., today admitted to members of the special coal and food commission, that his company had sold coal at higher prices than allowed by the commission in its recent order because he thought "it was not the purpose of the state of Indiana or the commission to force any company or corporation to lose money."

Mr. Dalton's admission was made during the hearing before the commission on the petition of the retail coal dealers of the state for a modification of the order fixing the margin of profit for retail dealers at \$2.25 per ton.

Mr. Dalton declared that the order would cause his company to lose 75 cents on every ton of coal handled and for that reason he had not reduced his price since Oct. 6, when the order went into effect.

Frederick B. Matson, attorney for the Indiana Retail Coal Merchants association, read a lengthy statement upholding the coal men's contention for a modification of the order.

Mr. Dalton submitted cost sheets from several coal companies of East Chicago, Hammond and Gary for the last 16 months.

The gross operating cost of his own firm from June 1 to Sept. 30, this year, was \$2,999 per ton, compared with \$2,248 for the previous eight months. Mr. Dalton said: "The gross operating costs of the J. J. Dibos Coal company at Hammond were given by Mr. Dalton as follows: July, \$2.04; August, \$2.01, and September, \$2.45."

HARDING LEADS IN HARBOR POLL TEST

Straw Vote at Standard Forgings Give G. O. P. Two-Thirds of all Votes

Results have been announced of a straw vote taken at the Standard Forgings Co., Indiana Harbor, where 328 votes were cast. Harding, the republican presidential candidate got 206 votes, the remaining 95 being scattered among the other candidates.

The poll was taken in a fair and square fashion, ballot boxes being placed around the plant. Each voter was thereby able to deposit his ballot and this procedure enabled the getting of an accurate poll of the employee's political preferences.

The results of the poll at the Indiana Harbor plant bear out the statements of republican leaders in the city of East Chicago as to the town's stand on republicanism.

NIGHT PROWLERS ARE ON INCREASE

Harold Anderson of Boyne City, Mich., landed in Hammond last night and a few hours later was given lodgings in the police station. Harold was looking for a place to sleep and picked out the grocery store of S. Truppe, 785 Alice street.

Harold was trying to find a window which was unlocked when he was seen by L. A. Dickinson who lives near the police station. The police were called and Sergeant Kunz and Officers Warner and Horbach avenue when inmates were still trying to open a window.

Harold was continued until Thursday morning. Another night prowler was reported on Rimbach avenue last night. He was trying to force an entrance at 50 Rimbach avenue when inmates were aroused. A neighbor who saw him running away fired two revolver shots at him. It is believed the man was hit as he appeared to be limping as he ran.

SUIT ON ACCOUNT

The Hammond Auto Paint and Top company has filed suit on account and attachment against Henry Doell et al., through Attorney E. G. Sproat in the Hammond superior court.

Tomorrow Will Be Taggart Day for Lake Co. Democrats



THOMAS TAGGART

Thursday is Tom Taggart Day in Lake County. A formal itinerary had to be arranged for the former United States senator, so as to permit him to get in within speaking distance of as many persons as possible, in his campaign for his return to the United States senate on the democratic ticket.

Democrats throughout the county are eager to meet the veteran political warrior, and to assure him that Lake county will give him more than merely nominal democratic support.

The main speech for the candidate has been arranged for eight o'clock at the Whiting high school auditorium. He is at Fort Wayne this evening and will arrive some time tomorrow forenoon.

The itinerary as announced by District Chairman Ed. Simon for Thursday is as follows:

12 to 12:30 p. m. Gibson T. M. C. A.

MURDER CHARGES PLACED AGAINST THREE GARY MEN

Grand Jury Returns Five Indictments at Noon Today

CROWN POINT, IND., Oct. 12.—Five indictments, three of them for murder, were returned against Gary men by the Lake county grand jury which finished its work as noon today. The indicted men were as follows:

George Wright, for the murder of Harry Mallory.

Albert Rogers, for the murder of Charlotte Mitchell.

Christopher Carter, for the murder of James Cook, colored editor of a Gary newspaper.

Sam Hawkins, constable, assault and battery with intent to kill upon George J. Smeko a Gary policeman during the race riots.

James Evans, accessory after the fact, in hiding Christopher Carter following the murder of Cook.

The three men indicted are being held in the county jail without bail, while Hawkins and Evans were released on \$5,000 bail each.

Paint Blue Picture of Farm Panic

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Unless relief is granted the farmers of the country a general panic and ruin are inevitable, according to a statement prepared for presentation to the president and his cabinet by a committee appointed by the farmers organizations in conference here today with the National Board of Farm Organizations.

The statement, which contained a set of demands which the farmers will press before the heads of government departments and bureaus here pictured the outlook as extremely serious. Conditions in the agricultural regions, it was said, are desperate and the farmer's frame of mind ominous.

The producers of all crops, the statement declared, have come to feel that the hand of the government is against them.

BORAH TO SPEAK AT GARY OCT. 19

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—U. S. Senator Wm. E. Borah, of Idaho, will speak at Gary, Indiana, on Oct. 19 in Peru Ind. on the 20th, it was announced at republican national headquarters here today.

Wrangel's Army May Prevent A General Peace Conference.

BY WILLIAM M. MALLABER

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)
LONDON, Oct. 13.—The signing of the Russo-Polish peace protocol at Riga leaves Soviet Russia today with only one powerful enemy to combat—the army of Gen. Wrangel on the Crimean front. Advice from Riga and Moscow indicate that the soviet will concentrate all its available fighting forces against Gen. Wrangel's army in an effort to win a military decision or to force the anti-Bolshevik forces in southern Russia to make peace.

The Russo-Polish peace protocol was signed at Riga last night, but the armistice on the Russo-Polish battlefield will not be effective until Oct. 18.

Poland gains

The peace terms give Poland large acquisitions of territory to the north, east and south of her old boundaries. She will share in Russia's gold reserve, but will get no indemnity. Poland will secure corridor to the Baltic between Lithuania and Soviet Russia, which will make impossible an alliance between these countries and shut Russia off from a direct commercial route to the Baltic through Lithuania.

Russia and Poland agreed not to interfere with each other's domestic affairs.

With Russia and Poland at peace it is possible that the movement may be revived for a general peace conference of Russia and the Russian border states in London.

France would prove an obstacle to such a parity as she has recognized the de facto government of Gen. Wrangel which is actively at war against Soviet Russia.

H. W. MARDEN PASSES AWAY; BURIAL FRIDAY

The many friends of Henry W. Marden will be grieved to learn of his death which occurred Tuesday evening. Mr. Marden was born December 20th, 1850, at Kent, England, and for many years had followed the profession of journalism, having been at one time editor and proprietor of the Keosauqua Blade at Keosauqua, Wis. About 1903 the family moved to Hammond where he became connected with the W. B. Conkey Co. Later Mr. Marden entered the employ of the Enterprise-Bed Company, having direct charge of the printing of their advertising and business literature. At a more recent date he started in business for himself where his geniality and marked ability made him many friends in the business field of the city. Failing health about two years ago made it necessary for him to relinquish some of his business activity, and recently it became necessary for him to leave the city for special treatment at a sanitarium, but he failed to improve and passed away there, to the great sorrow of his many friends and acquaintances.

Something more than just a passing note should be paid about him. Mr. Marden's early life bent to profitable activity inclined him to the use of the pen, and during a period of thirty years was engaged in journalism in all its various branches. Socially Mr. Marden made himself acceptable in many of the social circles of the city of Hammond. He was a member of Garfield Lodge No. 559 F. & A. M., Knights of Pythias, and of the Modern Woodmen. He also made himself useful as a singer of considerable musical talent. He was manager of the Hammond Lyric Double Male Quartet, an organization of some note, and had an enviable reputation in the musical world of this city in expanding art and increasing musical science.

Funeral services will be held at the Baptist church by the Rev. Robert D. Licklider, Friday afternoon at 2:30, after which Garfield Lodge will take charge and perform the Masonic services at Oakhill cemetery. Undertaker Stewart in charge.

REPUBLICANS OF
E. CHICAGO MEET
THURSDAY NIGHT

East Chicago's first big republican meeting will be held this evening at the Masonic Temple when Congressman M. M. Garland of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Fletcher Dobyns of Chicago will be the speakers.

Mr. Garland was formerly president of the Amalgamated Association of the Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and is well known among the steel workers of the city. His association with this organization will insure a large crowd and the committee is expecting to have the hall packed.

Until the present time politics in East Chicago and Indiana Harbor have been rather quiet, but the city organization is now planning to keep things humming until election day. The registration work has been the main interest of the politicians and now that that part of the work is completed the organization is now preparing to convince all registered that Harding is the man. Other meetings will be arranged at frequent intervals until election day.

Officials Inspect Streets And Try New Menu

County Commissioners Geo. Schaaf, James Black and John Clausen together with County Auditor G. M. Folland, his deputy Will Whitaker and Road Superintendent Clarence Eder were in Hammond yesterday inspecting Sheffield avenue and Calumet avenue with a view of improving them.

Someone in Hammond tipped them off to a new menu that one of the Burnham eating houses is serving, and the officials last night lost no time to get there to verify the report.

HAMMOND DEMOCRATS MEET TONIGHT

At a meeting of democratic precinct workers in headquarters at the Mea hotel at 8 o'clock this evening, plans for the last three weeks of the campaign are to be discussed. The meeting is called not only for precinct officials, but for all the party workers men and women.